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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1 and 2 as follows. Insertions are shown underlined while deletions are ~~struck-through~~. Please cancel Claims 7-9. Please add new Claims 17-18.

1 (currently amended): A moisture-absorbent formed body in the form of a sheet, said body comprising 1) an amine compound, and/or a thermally conductive material, or both of the foregoing, 2) a hygroscopic agent, and 3) a resin component,,

wherein the amine compound is one or more members selected from the group consisting of hydrazide compounds, naphthylamine compounds, diphenylamine compounds, and p-phenylenediamine compounds, wherein the hydrazide compound is selected from the group consisting of lauric acid hydrazide, salicylic acid hydrazide, formhydrazide, acetohydrazide, propionic acid hydrazide, p-hydroxybenzoic acid hydrazide, naphthoic acid hydrazide, 3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid hydrazide, a dihydrazide compound, and a polyhydrazide compound,

wherein the thermally conductive material is one or more members selected from the group consisting of acetylene black, ketjen black, boron nitride, aluminum nitride, silicon nitride, boron carbide, aluminum oxide, magnesium oxide, and iron.

2 (currently amended): The moisture-absorbent formed body for an organic electroluminescent device according to Claim 1, wherein the hygroscopic agent contains an alkaline earth metal oxide, and/or a sulfate, or both of foregoing.

3 (original): The moisture-absorbent formed body according to Claim 1, wherein the hygroscopic agent is at least one selected from the group consisting of CaO, BaO and SrO.

4 (original): The moisture-absorbent formed body according to Claim 1, wherein a powder having a specific surface area of 10 m<sup>2</sup>/g or more is used as the hygroscopic agent.

5 (original): The moisture-absorbent formed body according to Claim 1, wherein the hygroscopic agent is contained in the moisture-absorbent formed body in an amount of 40 to 95 wt%.

6 (original): The moisture-absorbent formed body according to Claim 1, wherein the resin component is at least one of polymer material selected from the group consisting of fluororesins, polyolefin resins, polyacrylic resins, polyacrylonitrile resins, polyamide resins, polyester resins, and epoxy resins.

7-9 (canceled)

10 (original): The moisture-absorbent formed body according to Claim 1, wherein the thermal conductivity is at least 0.3 W/mK.

11 (original): The moisture-absorbent formed body according to Claim 1, wherein the density is at least 1 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.

12 (original): A moisture-absorbent formed body for an organic electroluminescent device, which is the formed body according to Claim 1 and is disposed within the sealed atmosphere of an organic electroluminescent device.

13 (original): An organic electroluminescent device comprising a moisture-absorbent formed body, wherein the moisture-absorbent formed body is a moisture-absorbent formed body according to Claim 1 and is disposed within the sealed atmosphere of the organic electroluminescent device.

14 (original): The organic electroluminescent device according to Claim 13, wherein the moisture-absorbent formed body is in direct or indirect contact with an electrode of the organic electroluminescent device.

15 (original): A method for removing moisture within the sealed atmosphere of an organic electroluminescent device by disposing the moisture-absorbent formed body according to Claim 1 within said sealed atmosphere.

16 (original): A method for suppressing the formation of dark spots in an organic electroluminescent device by disposing the moisture-absorbent formed body according to Claim 1 within the sealed atmosphere of said organic electroluminescent device.

17 (new): The moisture-absorbent formed body according to claim 1, wherein the dihydrazide compound is selected from the group consisting of oxalic acid dihydrazide, malonic acid dihydrazide, succinic acid dihydrazide, adipic acid dihydrazide, azelaic acid dihydrazide, sebacic acid dihydrazide, dodecanedioic acid dihydrazide, maleic acid dihydrazide, fumaric acid dihydrazide, diglycolic acid dihydrazide, tartaric acid dihydrazide, malic acid dihydrazide, isophthalic acid dihydrazide, terephthalic acid dihydrazide, dimeric acid dihydrazide, and 2,6-naphthoic acid dihydrazide.

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18 (new): The moisture-absorbent formed body according to claim 1, wherein the polyhydrazide compound is polyacrylic acid hydrazide.